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FROM US MBFR REP

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SUBJECT: MBFR: CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET REPS MARCH 28

1. DURING CANADIAN RECEPTION MARCH 28, US REP HAD SEPARATE PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIET REPS KHLESTOV AND KVITSINSKIY. KHLESTOV SAID SOVIET DELEGATION HAD RUN INTO TROUBLE IN MOSCOW WITH THE IDEA OF UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS. HE DID NOT THINK MOSCOW LIKED THE IDEA. NEVERTHELESS, HE THOUGHT DISCUSSION OF IT SHOULD CONTINUE IN THE NETHERLANDS- US- SOVIET- HUNGARIAN GROUP.

2. KVITSINSKIY WHO WAS MORE FORTHCOMING, TOLD US REP HE HAD RECEIVED INDICATIONS BY PHONE FROM MOSCOW THAT HE SHOULD GO ON DISCUSSING UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS BUT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS AND PARTICULARLY NO REACTION OR COUNTER- PROPOSAL TO THE FORMULAS HE HAD PROPOSED. HE BELIEVED THERE WERE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTRY OVER THE IDEA OF ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS KEEPING OPEN THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THE DEFENSE MINISTRY WAS TAKING A HARD SECRET

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LINE AGAINST THIS CONCEPT. KVITSINSKIY ADDED THAT ALL POLICY MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT MATTER FROM

MOSCOW REQUIRED TWO SIGNATURES, AND HE ONLY HAD ONE AT THIS POINT. ALTHOUGH IT WAS POSSIBLE HE MIGHT GET " A CIGAR," I. E., A REPROOF, FOR HAVING MADE THE PROPOSAL OF ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS IN THE FIRST PLACE, HE THOUGHT THE IDEA WAS STILL IN PLAY AND EXPECTED TO RECEIVE DEFINITE WORD AROUND THE COMING WEEKEND. HE WOULD BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US REP AND LET HIM KNOW IMMEDIATELY. KVITSINSKIY INDICATED HE HAD PROPOSED TO MOSCOW THAT THERE MIGHT BE TWO UNILATERAL STATEMENTS, A HUNGARIAN AND AN ALLIED STATEMENT, CONTAINED IN AN AGREED MINUTE TO BE ATTACHED TO THE PROCEDURES PAPER.

3. US REP ASKED KVITSINSKIY WHETHER HE HAD REPORTED TO MOSCOW US REP'S VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN A GENUINE ABEYANCE SOLUTION. KVITSINSKIY SAID HE HAD DONE SO TO THE LETTER AND THAT THE MESSAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED VERY POORLY. IN A BRIEF MENTION OF AGENDA, KVITSINSKIY SAID HE THOUGHT EAST- WEST DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE LONG AND TOUGHLY CONTESTED, BUT THAT HE WAS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS ON HOW THE PROCESS MIGHT BE EASED OR SHORTENED.

4. TREATMENT OF FURTHER SUBJECTS IN SEP TEL. HUMES

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